

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 8 and 10-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 3 and 10 have been amended. Claims 3 and 10 have been amended merely to improve form and accuracy.

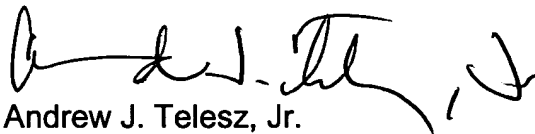
Applicants respectfully submit that pending claims 1-6, 8 and 10-20 should be allowable for at least somewhat similar reasons as the previously pending claims.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (571) 283-0720 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew J. Telesz, Jr.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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